

# Reforms, Efficiencies, and Best Practices

Report to the Transportation Funding Task  
Force

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# **CAC Intermodal Passenger Subcommittee Report Summary**

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# Introduction

- How are intermodal passenger resources allocated to maximize efficiencies?
  - Michigan partners with transit providers to coordinate strategies and services in order to allocate limited resources in the most efficient manner.
  - The overall strategy is to develop and implement provisions that maximize the use of the public transportation system.

# Current Reforms and Efficiencies

## Local Transit

- Regionalization
- Use of Alternative Energy
- Use of New Technology
- Training and Education Programs
- Coordinate and Share Best Practices
- Purchasing Pools
- Develop Alternative Funding Strategies
- Asset Management

# Current Reforms and Efficiencies

## Rail Passenger

- Regionalization (Midwest Regional Rail Initiative)
- Use of New Technology
- Implement Marketing and Education Programs
- Coordinate Multi-modal Services to Improve Connectivity
- Maximize Use of Rail Infrastructure (Freight & Passenger)

# Current Reforms and Efficiencies

## Intercity Bus

- Competitively Bid Contracts
- Conduct Performance Reviews of Routes
- Conduct Service Provider Vehicle Safety Inspections
- Coordinate Intra-state Multi-modal Services to Improve Connectivity
- Coordinate Inter-state Network Services to Maximize Access to Regional/National System

# Recommended Reforms

- Maintain Strong Public Role
- Stabilize Funding for Transit Services
- Modify Transit Funding Structure to Eliminate “Win-Lose” Outcomes
- Develop/Adopt Mobility Management Policies to Assist Local Transportation Agencies
- Encourage Regional Coordination Approaches

# Recommended Best Practices

- Implement Michigan Transportation Plan Principles
- Encourage Innovation
- Address Public Transit Funding/State Match
- Address Federal Passenger Rail Funding/State Match
- Maximize the Use of Information Technology Tools



# Conclusion

Any Questions?